

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, DC., April 16, 1998.
Mr. RICHARD D. BENNETT,
Chief Counsel, Committee on Government Re-
form and Oversight, Rayburn House Office
Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. BENNETT: I am writing in re-
sponse to your letter of April 7, 1998, request-
ing the Department of Justice's position on
the granting of immunity to Larry Wong. The
Department of Justice has no opposition to
the Committee granting immunity to Mr.
Wong. We appreciate greatly your coordinat-
ing with us on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Acting Assistant
Attorney General.

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DEAR MR. BENNETT: I am writing in re-
sponse to your letter of April 7, 1998, request-
ing the Department of Justice's position on
the granting of immunity to Nancy Lee. The
Department of Justice has no opposition to
the Committee granting immunity to Ms.
Lee. We appreciate greatly your coordinat-
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DEAR MR. BENNETT: I am writing in re-
sponse to your letter of April 7, 1998, request-
ing the Department of Justice's position on
the granting of immunity to Irene Wu. The
Department of Justice has no opposition to
the Committee granting immunity to Ms.
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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIGGS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. COYNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. COYNE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PAUL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET REGARDING STATUS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1998 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, to facilitate application of sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, I am transmitting a status report on the current levels of on-budget spending and revenues for fiscal year 1998 and for the 5-year period fiscal year 1998 through fiscal year 2002.

The term "current level" refers to the amount of spending and revenues estimated for each fiscal year based on laws enacted or awaiting the President's signature as of April 21, 1998.

The first table in the report compares the current level of total budget authority, outlays, and revenues with the aggregate levels set by H. Con. Res. 84, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 as adjusted pursuant to 314(b) of the Budget Act. This comparison is needed to implement section 311(a) of the Budget Act, which creates a point of order against measures that would breach the budget resolution's aggregate levels. The table does not show budget authority and outlays for years after fiscal year 1998 because appropriations for those years have not yet been considered.

The second table compares the current levels of budget authority, outlays, and new entitlement authority of each direct spending committee with the "section 302(a)" allocations for discretionary action made under H. Con. Res. 84 for fiscal year 1998 and for fiscal years 1998 through 2002. "Discretionary action" refers to legislation enacted after adoption of the budget resolution. This comparison is needed to implement section 302(f) of the Budget Act, which creates a point of order against measures that would breach the section 302(a) discretionary action allocation of new budget authority or entitlement authority for the committee that reported the measure. It is also needed to implement section 311(b), which exempts committees that comply with their allocations from the point of order under section 311(a).

The third table compares the current levels of discretionary appropriations for fiscal year 1998 with the revised "section 302(b)" sub-allocations of discretionary budget authority and outlays among Appropriations subcommittees. This comparison is also needed to implement section 302(f) of the Budget Act, because the point of order under that section also applies to measures that would breach the applicable section 302(b) sub-allocation. The revised section 302(b) sub-allocations were filed by the Appropriations Committee on March 31, 1998.

The fourth table compares discretionary appropriations to the levels provided by section

251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. Section 251 requires that if at the end of a session the discretionary spending, in any category, exceeds the limits set forth in section 251(c) as adjusted pursuant to provisions of section 251(b), there shall be a sequestration of funds within that category to bring spending within the established limits. This table is provided for information purposes only. Determination of the need for a sequestration is based on the report of the President required by section 254.

REPORT TO THE SPEAKER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: STATUS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1998 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ADOPTED IN H. CON. RES. 84 (Reflecting Action Completed as of March 31, 1998)

[On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

	Fiscal year—	
	1998	1998–2002
Appropriate Level (as amended by P. L. 105–116):		
Budget Authority	1,405,449	7,386,233
Outlays	1,372,522	7,282,253
Revenues	1,199,000	6,477,552
Current Level:		
Budget Authority	1,389,663	NA
Outlays	1,374,198	NA
Revenues	1,197,381	6,459,901
Current Level over (+)/under (-) Appropriate Level:		
Budget Authority	-15,786	NA
Outlays	1,676	NA
Revenues	-1,619	-17,651

NA=Not applicable because annual appropriations Acts for Fiscal Years 1998 through 2002 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

BUDGET AUTHORITY

Enactment of any measure providing new budget authority for FY 1998 in excess of \$15,786 million (if not already included in the current level estimate) would cause FY 1998 budget authority to exceed the appropriate level set by H. Con. Res. 84.

OUTLAYS

Enactment of any measure providing new outlays for FY 1998 (if not already included in the current level estimate) would cause FY 1998 outlays to exceed the appropriate level set by H. Con. Res. 84.

REVENUES

Enactment of any measure that would result in any revenue loss for FY 1998 (if not already included in the current level estimate) or for FY 1998 through 2002 (if not already included in the current level) would cause revenues to fall further below the appropriate level set by H. Con. Res. 84.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, April 21, 1998.

Hon. JOHN KASICH,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended, this letter and supporting detail provide an up-to-date tabulation of the on-budget current levels of new budget authority, estimated outlays, and estimated revenues for fiscal year 1998. These estimates are compared to the appropriate levels for those items contained in the 1998 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget (H. Con. Res. 84) and are current through April 1, 1998. A summary of this tabulation, my first for the second session of the 105th Congress, follows: